

This proposal does not promote the best interest to the future of amateur radio and therefore should not be recommended.

First of all, licensing should have been simplified years ago. The ARRL's proposal is by far the best solution to such restructuring. Get rid of the Technician class. The code requirement needs to be eliminated as well.

As for the question pools, there is nothing wrong with the current question pool; it has actually improved over the past few years. Keeping the question pool out of the public domain will only hinder the growth of amateur radio. Sure anyone can memorize the question pool, but once you get more into the hobby it all ties together. Furthermore, a 10-day waiting period before retesting is simply stupid. Example: A person misses the test by one question and wants to try it again, but he can't because he has to wait 10 days. To make that person wait 10 days before retesting is unenforceable. Who's going to know? Who's to say that person won't go to a different test site the next day and take the test again?! Does this mean VE teams will have to file more paperwork to their respective VEC's indicating someone didn't pass their test? I hope not because it's a big waste of time, paper, and postage! If such an idiotic idea were to take effect, you better believe I will remove myself from the VE program!!

As for vanity calls, what makes it so special for only Generals, Amateur Extras, or Technicians licensed more than two years, to request a vanity call? Makes no sense other than it only shows favoritism and will turn off to other amateurs.

This proposal will not provide for the future of amateur radio. Please DO NOT consider it.